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SUBJECT: 4- METHOXYAMPHETAMINE

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FOLLOWING INFO RECEIVED FROM DR. H. B. COTMAN, CHIEF CORONER, AND DR. ROSS BENNETT, DEPUTY CHIEF CORONER, MINISTRY OF SOLICITOR GENERAL, 863 BAY STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO: SUBJECT DRUG CAUSED EIGHT DEATHS IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO (TORONTO, HAMILTON AND KITCHENER) SINCE 3-1-73. PRESENCE OF DRUG IN SEVEN VICTIMS CONFIRMED BY TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION AT TORONTO CENTER OF FORENSIC SCIENCE. IN TWO INSTANCES MDA ALSO PRESENT. IN TWO OTHER INSTANCES ALCOHOL PRESENT BUT NOT AT HIGH LEVEL. IN ONE INSTANCE STRYCHNINE ALSO PRESENT. LETHAL DOSE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES SUBJECT DRUG SOLD AS MDA. FOUR VICTIMS DEAD ON ARRIVAL. FOUR VICTIMS DIED WITHIN ONE HOUR OF ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL. THREE VICTIMS BROUGHT TO HOSPITALS BY ASSOCIATES WHO CLAIM DRUG TAKEN AT PARTIES. IN MOST IF NOT ALL INSTANCES, DRUG TAKEN BY INJECTION. SYMPTOMS ARE: ACUTE RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION, CHOKING, DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING, HIGH FEVER (ONE REACHED 109 DEGREES WITH CONVULSIONS), EXTREME AGITATION (ONE REQUIRED STRAIGHT JACKET). TWO DOCTORS STATED SYMPTOMS RESEMBLED STRYCHNINE POISONING. ONE VICTIM FOUND IN WASH ROOM OF RESTAURANT. LAST VICTIM, AGE 15, RETURNED TO SELLER OF SUBJECT DRUG AND

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COLLAPSED ON PORCH. AGAIN DEATH OCCURRED WITHIN ONE HOUR.
FOUR INQUESTS ARE PENDING IN ABOVE CASES. CHIEF CORONER' S
OFFICE ATTEMPTING TO CORRELATE SYMPTOMS WITH DOSAGE LEVELS.
C/ A HEALEY.
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